

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated September 2, 2008. Claims 1, 3-12 and 15-17 are present in this application. Claims 1, 12, 15 and 17 are in independent form. Typographical errors in Claims 7 and 12 have been corrected. Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1, 3-12 and 15-17;<sup>1</sup> Claim 18, the only claim not allowed, has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue are requested.

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<sup>1</sup>/ Applicant notes the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, and expressly states that he neither agrees nor disagrees with the Examiner's analysis of what is shown in the prior art.